

PREFACE.

The purpose of this book is embraced in its title,—**The Business Guide or Safe Methods of Business.**

That the public have appreciated our efforts is seen in results better than told in words. The many large editions, rapid sale, strong recommendations, and the deep interest evinced by the public, clearly shows that this volume is filling a place that no other fills, and the demand is still large.

The fact that **over fifty-five thousand** have been sold in Canada in about **four years** is sufficient evidence that the book is just what the masses require, and it is our constant effort to keep it an all round up-to-date book, every paragraph of which can be relied upon as being entirely correct.

This edition has been re-arranged and printed from a new set of plates. We are determined that the **Business Guide** shall continue to be the leading book on practical business. We have had every department carefully revised by competent specialists in the different lines, and much valuable matter has been added. The latest commercial and legal forms have been inserted, the most modern penmanship and figuring has been put in the place of that which could not be considered the very latest system. Great pains have been taken to make all the illustrations apt and instructive, and we feel free to say without fear of contradiction that this is decidedly the **best book** ever sold for the money.

The **Business Guide** is adapted to all classes, not to a certain profession or class of men, but to all who are called upon to do business. And whom does this not include? With the recognition that real merit and true excellence must be depended upon for success, and with the confidence of an appreciation of diligent, painstaking labor and research, this revised edition is sent forth to the millions who may thereby be lead to do the right thing, at the right time, in the right place, and thus turn defeat, failure, loss of reputation or property into intelligent actions and profitable investments, pleasant prosperous homes, happy and successful lives.

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